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Social Work receives \$1.5 million

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Two large gifts totaling \$1.5 million have been given to the Wartburg College Social Work Department.

At a special dinner celebrating social work on Nov. 15, the formal announcement of the gifts was made, including the naming and kickoff of the social work institute and the formal announcement of the distinguished chair.

Wartburg alumni, Jack and Sarah Salzwedel of Middleton, Wis., are giving \$1 million to establish the Slife Institute for Social Work Consultation, Research and Training. O. Jay and Pat Tomson of Mason City are donating \$500,000, creating the Tomson Family Distinguished Chair in Social Work.

Dr. Tammy Faux said they knew about the gifts last Christmas but wanted to wait to make a public announcement until they could get everyone together and make a big thank you.

"It's been a little challenging not saying anything cause we're very



Brooke Lentz, social work major, works with children at Vineyard Community Church during a foster and adoptive parents support meeting by the Allison Area Foster Parents Association. — Submitted photo

excited, these are such generous, wonderful people, so committed to Wartburg but we can't tell you who they are until we can publicly thank them," Faux said.

The special dinner included the

executive director for the National Association of Social Workers, Dr. Betsy Clark, as well as the director of Iowa's National Association of Social Work, alumni from across the region and other dignitaries.

"It's exciting to be able to pull all these people together for a night to really celebrate social work," Faux said.

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Net Impact takes small steps to success

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Students' everyday activities, like walking to class, have put Wartburg College first in the nation in the Small Steps program.

The Small Steps program is a new challenge created specifically for undergraduate schools through Net Impact to help students realize the impact they can have on environmental and social issues. Net Impact has 30,000 members world-wide, and Wartburg is one of two chapters in Iowa.

Madison Stumbo, Wartburg's student campus leader, found the program through the Net Impact website and wanted to get Wartburg involved.

"The whole point of this is to show students that all these small steps are going to add up and make a big impact, an impact that is going to be global," Stumbo said.

Stumbo said participating is easy. Students register through

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Peace pole honoring retired professor stolen from campus garden

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A pole dedicated to retired education department chair Les Huth has been stolen from the garden between Old Main and Saemann Student Center.

The pole represented Huth's commitment to world peace and was dedicated Oct. 20. John Myers, director of campus security and safety, said the pole was worth \$150 to \$200.

Security received a tip from an anonymous phone call around 11 p.m. on Nov. 3, Myers said.

"Our suspect, the caller said, was dressed in a chicken costume. He grabbed the pole and he ran toward Clinton Hall, the caller said, and he threw it up on the roof landing above the south entrance to Clinton," Myers said.

Security verified the pole was on the roof landing that night, Myers said, but they did not have a ladder to get on the landing to retrieve it. When they went back for the pole on Sunday morning, it was gone.

The peace pole is still missing.

Myers said security checked Clinton's entrance card reader and spoke to students that entered the hall around the time of the theft. They said none of these students are potential suspects and they had not seen the chicken suit suspect.

Myers said he assumes alcohol was involved in the peace pole theft.

"I would hate to think someone would do that stone-cold sober," he said.

Ross Ryan, a student, said while someone in a chicken suit might seem easy to find, Halloween parties that night could mean many dressed up, disguised students. Ryan doesn't think theft is an issue at Wartburg.

"I don't think it's any more of a problem here than anywhere else. It's just more of an incentive to lock your stuff up," Ryan said.

This isn't the first time an object like this has been stolen from campus, Myers said.

A cross sculpture in the chapel

garden was stolen a few years ago and found in a barn in Plainfield, Iowa. Its replacement was stolen again and has never been found.

Myers said theft has been down this year and there have been no patterns of theft like last year, when several laptops were stolen.

If the culprit is found, they would face a student conduct punishment from Residential Life and possible criminal charges if the school chose to report the theft to police.

Myers said it would be a fifth degree theft with a misdemeanor charge.

Myers said students, faculty and staff can anonymously report anything they have seen relating to the theft though MySafeCampus on Wartburg's website.

"Right now we're waiting for a tip," Myers said. "We would be happy if it would just happen to show up somewhere so we can get it back in the ground and put it in concrete."



A wooden pole has been put in place of the original peace pole that represented Les Huth's work for peace. — Erin Ridgeway/TRUMPET

NEWS

16 chosen to be in Iowa Honor Band

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Sixteen members of the Wartburg Wind Ensemble were selected for the Iowa Intercollegiate Honor Band and performed on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The honor band consisted of students from area schools in the state of Iowa. They traveled to Ames Friday to rehearse and prepare for Saturday's concert.

Craig Hancock, director of bands at Wartburg College, said an experience like this for his Wind Ensemble students presented many opportunities for them to grow as musicians.

He said factors such as traveling with other players, working with a new conductor and learning new musical pieces played roles in how the students achieve their musical goals.

"There are a bunch of things on a very positive vein that don't



All sixteen members that were chosen for the Iowa Honor Band are also part of the Wartburg Wind Ensemble. The band traveled to Ames to perform in Saturday's concert. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

all have to do with them looking backwards at Wartburg," Hancock said. "Some of it has to do with looking outward at what the rest of the world is doing and the

opportunity that this will afford for them."

A selection committee for the honor band chose students based upon a series of criteria including

their year in school, their instrument of choice and their studies in college.

Kathryn Tressel, french horn player, said she looked forward to

work with a diverse group of musicians and performing in a different atmosphere.

"It's fun to be in a different group of people that you don't normally play in," she said. "Everybody brings different things to their performances."

Trumpet player Jeremy Idler hoped to pick up some tricks on how to conduct a group of musicians like this year's honor band.

"I am looking forward to playing in this band because I love learning from the guest directors," Idler said before he left. "As a future band director, I enjoy learning new ways to lead and conduct a rehearsal."

This was Wartburg's 18th year participating in the Intercollegiate Honor Band.

"I'm unbelievably proud of the students that we have. They come choosing band as something that they're going to do while they're here," Hancock said.

Weather camera benefits community and students

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Wartburg College added a new weather camera in partnership with the Cedar Rapids ABC affiliate, KCRG, which is part of the station's weather forecasts, called "CityCams."

"We wanted to get a camera in Bremer County," Kaj O'Mara a meteorologist for KCRG's First Alert Storm Team said. "The Waverly area and particularly Wartburg College just made perfect sense."

KCRG has been doing CityCams since 2008 and are now up to 21 cameras across Northeast Iowa with the addition of a camera at Wartburg.

The camera will be installed on top of Old Main, a place O'Mara said is perfect for confirming weather conditions while showing off Wartburg's campus.

"It's like a remotely controlled

news crew that is there and ready to go all the time," O'Mara said.

Since implementing CityCams, O'Mara said the cameras have served local communities well, and have been great tools in times of severe weather.

"These cameras have captured a plane crash, several fires, traffic accidents and general travel hazards," O'Mara said.

KCRG and Wartburg College hope their partnership serves both parties well. For KCRG, they will have control of the camera operations and will own the right to use the camera for on-air and online purposes.

Wartburg will also benefit from the camera, using its imagery for the college's website, mobile applications, educational purposes or in any other way it might serve the college. Wartburg TV adviser, Travis Bockenstedt, said the student media on campus will also have access to the camera feed.

"Wartburg Television is excited to have the CityCam on our campus," Bockenstedt said. "We plan to use this new technology for our Good Morning Waverly weather reports."

In addition to these advantages, Wartburg Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communication, Graham Garner, said the partnership with KCRG will make people more aware of Wartburg College and the Waverly community.

"KCRG has a great coverage area that includes the region from which many of our students come," Garner said. "This partnership will help make the sight of Wartburg's campus just a bit more familiar to them."

ITS will lead the setup, and installation of the new weather camera. It will be completed in the next week, Garner said.

O'Mara said KCRG has other cameras located on college



Wartburg is partnering with KCRG to put a weather camera on top of Old Main for use in the TV station's newscasts. — Submitted photo

campuses and expects the same success with this one.

"Everybody loves to see their

town," O'Mara said. "A gorgeous sky view, plus a great campus view... you really can't beat that."

Coin drive helps raise money for Hurricane Sandy victims

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To continue the theme of service and helping others, Wartburg held a coin drive to help raise money for Hurricane Sandy victims this year during St. Elizabeth's week.



Bethany Harms drops off spare change in the RA office of Grossmann and Löhe to help hurricane victims. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

This year St. Elizabeth's secondary theme is the Malaria Initiative along with raising awareness and celebrating community service about hunger and homelessness, Renee Sedlacek, service learning coordinator, said.

After news of Hurricane Sandy,

the St. Elizabeth's volunteer action committee knew that along with other projects going on a fundraiser could be done for the victims, Mycala Briggs, Volunteer Action Center student director, said.

"We knew that with this natural disaster we needed to be doing something for it," Briggs said.

Jars were set up so that students could put their spare change in at various locations around campus including RA and RHD offices and the student life offices, Briggs said.

"Originally what we were going to do is the Res. Halls were going to compete and split the change among the community partners that we work with," Briggs said.

St. Elizabeth's week has been around since the mid-nineties and was started by Dr. Susan Vallem in the social work department and

the dean of students at the time Lex Smith, Sedlacek said.

"Ironically or not ironically, I don't know it depends on how you look at it, this is also national hunger and homelessness awareness week," Sedlacek said.

To keep the theme of homelessness and hunger, having a coin drive worked because it tied together, Sedlacek said.

"People are homeless after

Hurricane Katrina, people are homeless after the earthquake in Haiti; so we still try to tie that theme in," Sedlacek said.

The reason behind doing a coin drive is that Residential life said they wanted more people involved, Sedlacek said.

"Everyone carries change or can get change. It is really easy to collect," Sedlacek said.

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Great American Smokeout shows tobacco effects

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Wartburg took part in the Great American Smokeout last Thursday. It was a nationally recognized day aimed at stopping tobacco use.

Wartburg's Tri Beta's Health Promotion Committee spoke to students at a booth in the Saemann Student Center to let students know the dangers of tobacco use.

The goal was to stop tobacco use for 24 hours straight. If tobacco-users were able to do that, the goal was doubled into stopping tobacco use for 48 hours. By that time, the addictive effects of tobacco are substantially decreased, according to Health Promotions Committee member and Tri Beta President Shelby Sieren.

She said it's important for students to talk to their peers about the life threatening effects of tobacco use.

"I think it has a greater impact of its peers presenting to their peers and trying to encourage them from using any form of tobacco," Sieren said. "We got the idea from Brian Pins at the Waverly Health Center. Instead of Waverly Health Center coming and promoting it, we wanted a group on campus to promote it."

Students signed a pledge at the booth in the Student Center to not only quit if they are users, but to pledge to not start using tobacco. Both Sieren and co-member Megan Schreier hope to reduce the number of smokers on campus.

"Even if its one or two it's a problem. I live in Vollmer and so I'm very close to that area where people smoke. I don't want secondhand smoke affecting me," Schreier said. "The more people we get to stop its going to be healthier for the entire campus."

Sieren said, "If we can really educate them on what they will look

like 30 or 40 years down the road or what they will feel like, then maybe they're looking for someone who will push them in the right direction now versus telling them when it's too late."

Both Schreier and Sieren have plans to enter the health care field. They said it made sense for them to promote healthy lifestyles.

Sieren and Schreier said while it's important to get young people to stop smoking, it's the personal connections that really motivate them.

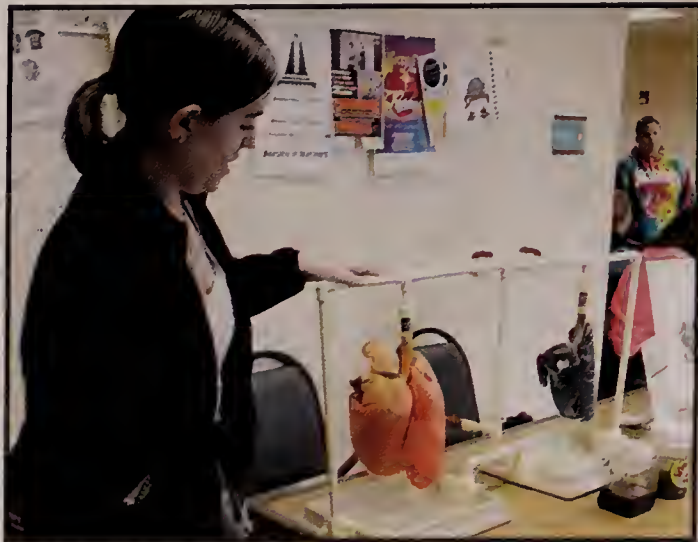
"I had a friend whose dad died of lung cancer. He went through a five-month cycle of being good and being bad and finally of one month of just bad until he died and he had been a former smoker. For me I just really want to encourage people to stop now," Schreier said.

"My grandpa has been a long time smoker and fortunately is in his upper 60s. He has had various forms of cancer throughout his

body and has had multiple surgeries to remove those cancers. He's tried a lot of times to quit but has never been successful because it's way too late to stop.

"He's always said that his

generation growing up didn't know all the bad effects about smoking and if he knew what people our age know now he would have never started," Sieren said.



Megan Schreier demonstrates breathing in a healthy lung compared to a smoker's lung. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

Social Work gifts make new institute possible

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Social Work professor Dr. Susan Vallem said the department already had a plan for the money. The Social Work faculty has been successfully operating the social work institute, unfunded, for several years.

"[The donors] were willing to add their generous support to help us to go beyond now, to really do some amazing things for students and the community," Vallem said.

Faux said being hands on and integrated into the community translates better in the classroom. Faux will have the new title of Tomson chair, giving her a two-slot release as a professor so she can better run the Slife Institute year round.

The institute provides help to area agencies, offers training in the community and offers funds to complete research projects. Now the institute can also provide stipends so students can help in completing research and

presenting their work at conferences around the country.

Vallem said because of the donors, social work students are allowed a unique experience.

"This is very cutting edge, there aren't undergraduate programs that have this kind of opportunity for students and community work. I hope people say 'wow Wartburg College, this is pretty cool,'" Vallem said.

Vallem said how much the administration has helped to make all this possible.

"If it weren't for our president, the dean, our development people, the administration, without them this wouldn't have happened. This is nothing we did all by ourselves," Vallem said.

The social work department is continuing to fundraise the last \$500,000 to reach their \$2 million goal. The generosity of the Salzwedel and Tomson families has helped make this goal a reality.

Wartburg leading in Small Steps program, increasing social awareness and sustainability

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the Small Steps website and then report their actions for points. Students are asked to upload pictures to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram of their actions, which can include walking to class, voting or air-drying clothes.

Wartburg is currently in first place with 5,755 points according to the Small Steps Leaderboard. The challenge began Oct. 3 and will continue until Dec. 10. Kacee Garner, the business department office coordinator, said this experience has gained Wartburg College international recognition.

"It is amazing," Garner said. "It is really putting northeast Iowa and little Wartburg College on the map. You come here for a small experience, for a private experience, and that doesn't mean we can't be involved in big things."

Garner said the Small Steps program has over 100 student participants from Wartburg and the Net Impact club on campus has

grown because of the national recognition.

He said the Small Steps program fit well with Wartburg's mission statement and sustainability efforts. Stumbo said Wartburg is known for its service and this program allows students to be rewarded for their effort.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support and the work that Wartburg students are putting in here on campus," Garner said.

Knowledge of the program has spread across campus through word-of-mouth, class visits, pass along cards, Facebook and Twitter, Stumbo said.

Jessica Grant signed up for Small Steps after Strumbo gave a presentation in her Environmental Biology class. Grant said she had always been environmentally conscientious, and Small Steps helped her realize that. Grant has earned many points by letting her laundry air-dry.

"This was a way to do it rather than just talk about it," Grant said.

Chad Giebelstein stumbled across the program on Facebook. He said he saw someone's post and soon found himself signing up for the program. Giebelstein focuses more on the points earned through social issues, such as voting and raising awareness.

"It takes one person to step up and then people can work together. They can form a team and make the world a better place," he said.

Both Grant and Giebelstein said they are excited to participate again next semester when the competition starts again.

Stumbo said she is excited to see the accomplishments of the collective efforts and that the program is important, not only for Wartburg, but for the rest of the world.

"I think that being held accountable for what is going on in the environment and trying to end problems like world hunger, that's our generation."

Students can sign up at <http://smallsteps.netimpact.org/>.

Newsom honors sister, shares message of positive attitude and faith

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Marcus Newsom wanted listeners to be encouraged and inspired by his speech in tribute to his sister, Natalie Newsom Lockridge, who died March 11, 2012.

Newsom, Wartburg's head track and field coach, spoke Monday, Nov. 12 in the Lyceum to the public, athletes, friends and family to honor his sister's request: to coach other people in life.

Newsom's sister was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, in her early years. For 23 years, she struggled through the symptoms but stayed positive, Newsom said.

"My sister empowered me that quitting was never an option," Newsom said.



Newsom brought some audience members to tears as he described his sister's battle with multiple sclerosis. — Meghan Tendall/TRUMPET

Newsom said his sister moved him to live every day with passion, taught him what work ethic and drive were about and that his attitude was his choice.

As the NCAA indoor national championships approached last year for the track team, his sister

was admitted into the hospital. Newsom told the team that he wouldn't be traveling with them and then drove to the hospital where his sister was waiting.

"She said, 'I need you to do me a favor, I need you to go do your job, I need you to go coach those kids,'" Newsom said.

The next day Newsom arrived at Grinnell College and coached the track team through nationals. When he arrived home the next day, he received the call that his sister had died.

After a summer of feeling emotion, pain, hurt and guilt, he

realized what "Marcus, go do your job" meant.

"Go do my job meant more than coaching those kids and being a track coach, it meant being a better husband, father, son, professional and to live every day as she would have," Newsom said. "My sister had prepared me for what I needed to do for the rest of my life."

Justin Meyer, a member of the track team, said listening to Newsom speak made him think about all that he has in his life.

"I think Natalie can serve as a reminder that when life gets rough, if we lean on faith, whatever that may be, and keep fighting, we can overcome any obstacle," Meyer said.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

State petitions to secede show polarizing politics

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We've all been through months of nonstop political ads and resilient phone calls.



The various forms of social media have been attacking us with political post after political post.

Conversations over lunch break declined from the cordial "Where did you and Corey go out to dinner" to the uncomfortable "What is your stance on forcible rape?"

The election was an all-out onslaught on our lives — whether we liked it or not — often tackling issues that truly shouldn't be issues.

Gays want to be treated like regular humans? PREPOSTEROUS! Women want a say in the health of their own bodies? OUTRAGEOUS!

By the time Nov. 7 rolled in you could hear America's collective sigh of relief.

The tense separation of America was all over. We could all get along again. Or so we thought.

As you may or may not have heard, President Obama was re-elected and defeated Governor Mitt Romney.

Months of over-the-top coverage only led to an anti-climatic Obama victory.

Where was M. Night Shyamalan and his twist ending when you needed him?

If history was going to repeat itself, Iowa would quickly go back

to how it was before the election: forgotten like the fourth Jonas brother; unnecessary like the impending "Star Wars" sequels and lacking substance like the "Twilight" series.

With all the hoopla dying down and the Kardashians getting their stilettos ready to become headline news again, a new powerhouse sensation took over.

No, not the Petraeus scandal — ain't nobody got time for that — the secessionist movement.

These tantrum-throwers were outraged that things didn't go their way during the election.

In their delusional state, these crybabies have signed petitions across all 50 states to secede from the Union.

While it may seem like a non-threat (they won't successfully

secede), the petitioning is only pushing America farther apart.

You'll have sore losers with every election — it's understandable that not everyone can get what they want.

But what makes this year's election so different? People can't possibly be that concerned with the direction Obama may take us.

Maybe people just think Obama is an easy scapegoat.

It's only a matter of time until people start blaming the end of Twinkies on his presidency.

Never before have petitions taken such spotlight post-election.

What America needs right now is to come together and realize what's best for the country.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, a man made famous by Steven Spielberg and who also

destroyed vampires in his downtime, "Now that the election is over, may not all, having a common interest, reunite in a common effort, to save our common country?"

These words could not be more relevant today. Never before has America felt so split in beliefs.

What makes America such a great place is the melting pot of cultures and ways of life.

Making one set of beliefs the law of the land is a surefire way to upset what makes America such a great place to live.

Unfortunately, if we continue down the polarizing road we are on, we face a dangerous future in which America may never, ever...be getting back together.

Maybe Miss Swift wasn't so far off after all.

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I've given both my knees and gained a crazy amount of money for this football program without scholarship or school credit. Sure glad the music students get both.
- **Worth it**

Eating the turkey is not respecting the turkey.
- **Truth**

Eight-person room on Grossman 1, I really question your ability to function in the outside world if you can't even flush your own toilet..
- **Figure your life out**

I swear I see a ninja every time I go outside.
- **#They'reEverywhere**

Dear Guys,
If you do your laundry in an all girls dorm, we will get pissed at you if you leave it in the washers forever and we need to do laundry too.
Sincerely,
- **Stay on your own side**

Girl in the Mensa,
I know it's hard to believe, but you're not the only bio major on campus. Stop yelling about how hard you think glycolysis is.
- **Annoyed to the G5Pth degree**

Why are you sitting by yourself at the biggest table in the Mensa?
- **Find a smaller one...Steven Glansberg**

Dear Boy,
I am glad you "feel like a woman" but please don't sing about it.
- **Leave it to Shania**

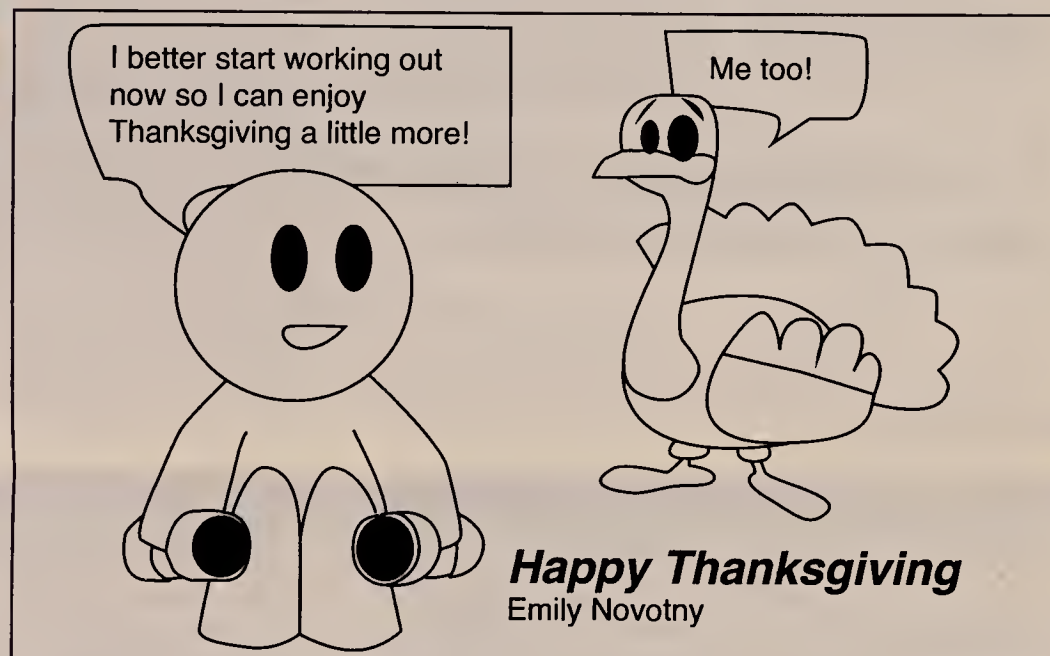
Can't believe how productive I've been leading up to Thanksgiving for the sole purpose of having no distractions while eating.
- **Dedication**

That awkward moment when you get caught up with a TV show and don't know what to do with your life anymore.
- **Free time blues**

Who needs a radio when your housemate unknowingly serenades you through all the air vents?
- **Next Large Event?**

You got a three part date? That's sweet, I got to go to McDonald's.
- **Hungry and fat**

Alum I see at the bars all the time, You know you don't go here anymore, right? Graduating typically means moving on, just saying.
- **Only acceptable on Homecoming**



Happy Thanksgiving
Emily Novotny

Trumpet Editorial

Why don't we act our age?

In light of the recent theft of the peace pole on campus, it's a good time to take a step back and reflect on the way in which we conduct ourselves as Wartburg students.

We've talked about what it means to be a Knight after graduation, but it's equally important to understand that while on campus we are expected to conduct ourselves with respect and responsibility.

When the peace pole disappeared only a few months after its installation, it brought to mind the many times bikes have wound up in trees and the disappearance of the statue in the Wartburg Garden.

More importantly, it brought to mind the sheer immaturity that spurs someone to steal a piece of private property.

Outside of this campus, a theft

like that would be considered a misdemeanor. That means jail time for the guilty party.

At what point in our college careers did we decide that stealing the college's, or individual student's property was an entertaining idea?

We spend four years at this place planning for our futures, working toward goals we have beyond our diploma.

Yes, it's essential to kick back and have a little fun, too. Those fun times are some of our best memories as college students.

But there's a difference between light hearted pranks on your roommates and actual theft.

There's a line at which light hearted fun becomes criminal activity, and it's a line that, as adults, we should be expected to adhere to.

We are forging paths for ourselves and creating reputations that will follow us into the "real world."

Uprooting a pole dedicated to a professor's hard work in contributing to peace hardly helps further a positive reputation.

In life, and especially during these crucial years, the choices we make define us.

The choice to steal property, as a joke or otherwise, has consequences. It affects your trustworthiness, and that has the potential to affect your future drastically.

Adulthood comes with a lot of choices. It seems pretty elementary that one of them would be "don't steal things." It's not a difficult moral dilemma and yet someone out there just doesn't get it.

Really, it boils down to this: act your age.

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KNIGHTLIFE

Christmas with Wartburg premieres student's song

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Christmas with Wartburg will be featuring something new this year: a student's composition.

Connor Koppin is a member of Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor. He is also the composer of "There is No Rose of Such Virtue."

"I started writing after Christmas with Wartburg 2010. There was something in that concert that kind of inspired me to start writing," Koppin said.

Toward the end of last year, Dr. Lee Nelson approached Koppin about composing a musical piece.

"I was programming this year's show last spring and I thought 'you know if Connor is going to be a senior we should really try to get something out there of his,'" Nelson said.

The theme for Christmas with Wartburg changed after Koppin wrote his first song. "There is No Rose of Such Virtue" is the second composition Koppin wrote, Nelson said.

Nelson gave Koppin a selection of new text he could pick from. Koppin said the text he picked was the freshest of all the options.

"It was one that I felt hadn't had music set to it many times," Koppin said. "I feel like this is one that is still fresh and when people hear the title they don't associate it with another piece of music."

Koppin said it took him about three days to write the new piece of music. Koppin said he was uncertain at first when he found out



"There is No Rose of Such Virtue" is a song written by student Connor Koppin and will be performed during Christmas with Wartburg — Erin Ridgeway/TRUMPET

his composition was going to be used in CWW.

"I was a little nervous quite frankly because I just didn't know how people would receive it or if people were going to like it," Koppin said. "As time has gone on it's just pure excitement and really kind of graciousness."

Koppin said he believes other choir members like it and that having it written by a peer makes it more special.

Nelson said Koppin's composition surpassed his expectations.

"I couldn't be more proud of Connor and his effort. To be part of a project like this where you can take a student's work and breathe life into it is really special and there is no greater gift than to watch your student succeed," Nelson said.

Christmas with Wartburg is Nov. 30-Dec. 2.



Kelsey Nulph (right) helps a boy during a Malaria Initiative event make a jar to collect donations. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

Malaria benefit concert looking for performers

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A concert event to raise money for the Wartburg Malaria Initiative is in need of student performers.

The Malaria Initiative is a year-long campus campaign run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to raise money and awareness of malaria in Africa. The benefit taking place in March will be the capstone event for the initiative and all proceeds will go towards the campaign.

"The Wartburg community is one that is truly blessed with musical and performing talent and a concert would be a good way to end the initiative," Kelsey Nulph, student leader of the malaria campaign, said.

"It's the perfect chance to bring students, alumni and the Waverly community together for a great purpose."

All kinds of genres will be performing at the benefit concert. Each student performer will be paired with an alumni performer, Nulph said.

Eight to ten slots have been reserved in the concert for student performers and students are needed to fill the spots.

"Performing in this concert is

not only a great way to perform your gifts for your school and community, but also to use your gifts for a greater purpose," Nulph said.

The benefit concert will take place at night in Levick Arena. Food and games will be present to add to the celebration, Nulph said.

The initiative has big goals for this concert, Marissa Buresh, a student involved in the event, said.

The goal is to earn \$5,000 for the Malaria Initiative by the completion of this event.

"The main goal I have for this event is to bring in people from the public," Buresh said. "The Malaria Initiative should not just be a Wartburg initiative, but also a Waverly initiative."

Buresh said that although the concert seems like it is far away, they are encouraging students to audition now and get involved in a great cause.

"The more students we have performing, the more likely other people will come and participate in the event and bring publicity to a great cause," Buresh said.

Student auditions will take place Tuesday, Nov. 20 in the Chapel. Sign-up sheets are located outside of the Hub. Contact Kelsey Nulph with any questions.

Students study in Argentina

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Two Wartburg students have traveled below the equator to spend a semester studying abroad.

Kjerstin Lewis and Serena Ugoretz are studying in Córdoba, Argentina and have won the Cross-Cultural Study Centers competition for best effort to speak Spanish, Ugoretz said.

"At the beginning of the year, our program director wanted to encourage many of the girls in our program to try and speak more Spanish rather than English because we are in a "no-English" program and created a contest," Lewis said.

The Center for Cross-Cultural Study is the main study abroad program offered for Spanish majors at Wartburg, Ugoretz said.

Ugoretz and Lewis said the competition was decided by their peers.

Lewis said there are two programs within the CCCS semi-integrated and advanced and is affiliated with La Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

"Students in the advanced program only take classes in PELCA, a part of the university that only



Serena Ugoretz (left) and Kjerstin Lewis (middle) celebrate Outfly while studying in Argentina for study abroad. — Submitted Photo

has international students," Lewis said.

In the semi-integrated program you take classes in PELCA and at the University with Argentinian students as well, Lewis said.

Both Lewis and Ugoretz said they chose Córdoba as their location to study abroad for a reason.

Ugoretz said she had already traveled to Costa Rica and wanted to go some place new in Latin America.

"Argentina appeared to me to have the best study abroad program I could find because it lasted for 5 months and included an intensive Spanish course for the first month I was here," Ugoretz.

Lewis said past Wartburg students affected her decision.

"There are many Wartburg students who have participated in this program before and just had the best stories and experiences," Lewis said.

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KNIGHTLIFE

ETK event brings pianos to the ballrooms

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ETK's Midwest Dueling Pianos performance wowed last Friday night's crowd with popular tunes like Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" and Gnarl's Barkely's "Crazy."

Dueling pianos consists of two performers bringing in two pianos, playing well-known songs, taking requests, and going back and forth from memory.

"It's all about requests, so if someone were to request the theme song to 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,' they would play that," Ashley Lang, director of campus programming, said. "It's challenging to explain, because a lot of people, when they hear dueling pianos, they think, 'are we going to a piano recital?'"

Both male and female pianists battled it out with songs that ranged from Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" to "Kiss the Girl" from "The Little Mermaid."

"Odds are they know it and they'll know how to play it," Cody Osegard, student president of ETK, said. "They'll do your typical karaoke like 'Piano Man,' but they'll also do more modern stuff, like

stuff you'd hear on the radio."

Students were served hot chocolate, cider and snacks to evoke a coffee house feel, Osegard said.

"People could come and go as they please to the event," Osegard said. "It's a really fun thing since it's so engaging."

"The artists were very talented, and I was constantly impressed by their ability to just play any song. When they didn't know a song, their substituted lyrics made everyone in the room smile and laugh," Ellie Schwarz said.

In partnership with the Volunteer Action Center, ETK asked students to bring a canned good to donate to the local food bank as part of St. Elizabeth's Week. Those students received an extra punch on their ETK punch cards.

"The punch cards are something ETK decided to do this year to promote people to come to their events," Lang said. "It's been really successful. If they don't have one at this point, they can get one now, and they get a punch for every event they go to."

At the end of the year, students can turn in their punch cards for chances to win an iPad.

Punch cards aren't the only change ETK has made to the student organization this year.

"We want people to be interacting and engaging. We want a variety of performer and we're seeing a lot of different audiences coming

to events. They've also been working hard to promote their events in different ways," Lang said.

"We're doing more original events. It's bridging the gap, because we're bringing in performers, but we're also getting students

involved," Osegard said.

Lang said she hoped that students had fun at Dueling Pianos and continue to come to ETK events.

"It's a good way to relax before Thanksgiving," Lang said. "It's just a stressful time of year."



Rusty (left) and Alesha took requests from audience members at ETK's Dueling Pianos. Requests ranged from Disney songs to ballads. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

Student performers take over Duos for Open Mic Knight

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Pen and Inc. worked with the Writing Reading and Speaking Lab (WRSL) to put on another Open Mic Knight last Thursday evening at Duo's.

Open Mic Knight is set up so that students can share their poetry, fiction and non-fiction writings as well as students who share writings that inspire them, Jette Irgens, Pathways Associate for the Writing Reading and Speaking Lab, said.

Irgens said it ranges from

students to faculty and the content ranges from original works of literature to music and readings from favorite pieces of literature.

"It's just to create an environment where people can appreciate literature and the creative endeavor of writing," Irgens said.

The event is set up so anyone who shows up is welcome to read. Irgens said keeping it a very open format like that allows Open Mic Knight to help cultivate a receptive audience.

"Most of the people that come there write themselves and they know that it can be a really tough process to share something as personal as your own writing," Irgens said.

Elizabeth McElligott, President of Pen and Inc. said a lot of the students who participate come from Pen and Inc. or are friends of Pen and Inc. members.

"It's always been a joint effort

with Pen and Inc. and the WRSL. Last year we had at least 50 people there each semester, so we're looking forward to having that many people again," McElligott said.

Milica Njezic read for her first time at Thursday's event and said the experience was different, but fun. Njezic, while not a writing major at Wartburg, has published a book of poetry in her native country of Bosnia.

"It's better to have open mic night away from college so it's a different atmosphere. It's a lot of fun," Njezic said. "I've been writing since I was little, but this is my first time writing in English so I tried to write like an immigrant that way to use not that good of English so I can show how un-adapted I am here."

McElligott said the night is never predictable, but it's always nice to see people come out to share their works.

"A lot of times creative writing, there's no place for it in college or an academic world, so it's a good outlet to kind of show off if you do creative writing. It's really rewarding to read your own work and have it appreciated by others and at the same time hear others' writings and appreciate that," McElligott said.


The desire for this type of event was what really got it started, Irgens said.

"Students all over campus are working on creative, non-creative, fiction, non-fiction and they need a place to share that work," Irgens said.

Njezic said she really appreciates the opportunity that Open Mic Knight provides. "I think we need more of these events" she said.



Shabab Chowdhury (left) and Stefan Nutt (right) performed at Open Mic Knight with their guitars. — Erin Ridgeway/TRUMPET



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SPORTS

Wartburg wins Levick consolation

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One of the most popular phrases in basketball is “a tale of two halves.” That is, when one team plays poorly in the first half but comes back to win, looking like a completely different team in the second half.

For the Wartburg men’s basketball team at the Buzz Levick Tournament over the weekend, it was a tale of two games.

The Knights took on Crown College in both team’s season opener in the nightcap of Friday’s semifinals.

The Storm featured 7’1” Anthony DiLoreto, a former Division I player at Utah State.

Wartburg had no answer for DiLoreto, who scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

“We did not do a very good job of executing our game plan on him,” head coach Dick Peth said.

The Knights fell behind 12-2 less than five minutes into the game and never recovered as Crown led the entire game.

“I don’t think we were quite mentally ready to play,” Peth said.

“We’ve got to be ready to play from the opening tip and play with more intensity.”

The Knights trailed 34-26 at halftime but battled back to a four-point deficit early in the second half.

Crown used an 8-0 run to go up 49-37 though as the story remained the Storm’s ability to answer any Wartburg runs.

Thomas Perkins nailed a three with two minutes to play that brought the crowd to their feet and sliced the lead to five.

But DiLoreto converted an old-fashioned three-point play that ended up being the dagger as the Knights fell 74-65.

Eddie Diemer led the Knights with 17 points while Mitchell Murphy scored nine points and added six assists.

Wartburg bounced back in a big way in the consolation game Saturday, jumping out to an 8-0 lead that forced Rockford to call timeout.

The Regents battled back but Diemer’s two-handed flush kept the lead at eight and forced another timeout.

Drew Crawford hit four three-pointers in the first half and the Knights held Rockford to 25.9 percent shooting to build a 28-16 half-time lead.

Wartburg pumped up the offense in the second half, scoring 52 points on 65.6 percent shooting and turning the ball over just four times.

The Knights never led by less than 12 points in the second half and pulled away for a lopsided 84-50 victory for their first win of the season.

Diemer led the way with 20 points and seven rebounds while Crawford scored 19 and Cook added 12 points.

The win gave the Knights third place in the Buzz Levick Tournament.

Grinnell defeated Crown 111-100 for the championship.

Women look to Weideman for leadership

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The Wartburg women’s basketball team tipped off their season this weekend with a 1-1 record and the team is ready to improve on last

year’s success. The team finished last year with a record of 18-9 and return one starter and ten letterwinners to spur them forward this upcoming season.

The Knights lost the majority of their offensive weapons from last season though.

“We’re going to be a lot different this year as we lost about 70 percent of scoring and 65 percent of our minutes played to graduation,” head coach Bob Amsberry said at winter sports media day.

The Knights will turn to senior point guard Abi Weideman, the lone returning starter, for leadership during the year.

Weideman averaged 10.9 points and 2.4 assists per game last season.

Also junior Carly Jacobs and sophomores Abby Lasher and Alyssa Sager are looking to bounce back from injuries last year to help contribute in a huge way.

“Carly tore her ACL late in the season. She’s back, not quite 100 percent yet but is explosive, can hit shots and she’s got experience and has been a key player for us in her first two seasons for us. As she continues to get healthy, she’ll be a major factor,” Amsberry said.

Another senior looking to help the team out is Cathy Reiter, a key player off the bench for the Knights last season who also plays soccer at Wartburg.

A contributing factor this season will be 6’0” senior transfer Baileigh O’Brien from Iowa Central and the University of Sioux Falls.

The Knights are picked to finish fourth in the Iowa Conference by the conference’s coaches.

But with the return of players injured from last year and the already established leadership, Amsberry again sets his sights on the IIAC title.

“We have so much to learn as we have so many kids to replace in rotation but ability-wise, we can compete for IIAC championship,” Amsberry said.

“It might surprise people that I’m thinking this way with all that we lost, but competing for the league title is always the goal. Players are committed to do that and our returners know what it takes. We’ve got to continue to develop and be in a position in February where we’re fighting for it,” he said.

The Knights have a very difficult schedule however with games against NCAA tournament teams UW-Whitewater, UW-Eau Claire, and defending national champion Illinois Wesleyan.

Go to wartburgcircuit.org to find the full schedule and IIAC coaches poll.



Eddie Diemer calls for the ball against Rockford’s zone defense at Levick Arena in Saturday’s consolation game. Diemer is the Knight’s leading scorer after two games this season. —Erin Ridgeway/TRUMPET

Fall athletes face end of collegiate careers

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She has been training goalkeepers the last two years at Denver High School and hopes to take the assistant coaching position that just opened.

“Being able to coach soccer would be like a dream come true,” Noti said.

While the women’s soccer team had the opportunity to compete in the postseason, the football team did not enjoy the same luxury.

“We didn’t have the season I would have liked to have my senior

year,” wide receiver Curt Hruska said.

Hruska, unlike Noti, isn’t looking to continue his sport at the moment but said if he gets a call from a coach asking him to come back and coach he would consider it.

“I am really focusing on life after college, I’m trying to get a job at Levertz Agency in Dubuque,” Hruska said.

Levertz is an insurance agency, his brother Chad Hruska, a Wartburg alumnus, also works for Levertz.

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Dec.

02 Grinnell (W, 2 p.m.)
04 Bethany Lutheran (W, 7 p.m.)
06 Carleton (M, 7 p.m.)
15 Martin Luther (M, 4 p.m.)
20 Bethany Lutheran (M, 7 p.m.)

Jan.

05 Dubuque (W/M, 2 p.m.)
09 Central (W/M, 6 p.m.)
16 Coe (W/M, 6 p.m.)
23 Luther (W/M, 6 p.m.)
26 Loras (W/M, 2 p.m.)

Feb.

06 Simpson (W/M, 6 p.m.)
13 Buena Vista (W/M, 6 p.m.)



Women’s basketball splits at Monmouth tournament

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It doesn’t get much tougher than opening your season against the No. 8 ranked team in the country.

That’s exactly what the Wartburg women’s basketball team had to do though and they nearly shocked the nation before falling 65-55 to Wisconsin-Whitewater at the Monmouth Tournament.

The Warhawks jumped out to a 12-2 lead against an inexperienced Knight’s team that is returning just one starter and led 36-22 at the break.

Wartburg slowly climbed back in the second half, using a 30-13 run to take a 52-51 lead after Abi Weideman’s conventional

three-point play with 3:04 to play.

The Knights were outscored 13-4 in the final four minutes however and dropped their first game of the season.

Weideman and Carly Jacobs each had 16 points.

Baileigh O’Brien added 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Knights bounced back Sunday by defeating Iowa Wesleyan 49-39 in the consolation game.

Weideman scored a career-high 22 points and was the only Knight in double figures.

Wartburg held the Tigers to 28.2 percent shooting.

Wartburg (1-1) will take on Wisconsin-Platteville (1-1) in their home opener Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Sunday	M Bball at UW-P Tournament
Thu. Nov. 29	M Bball at Nebraska Christian W Bball at UW-Eau Claire
Fri. Nov. 30	Wrestling at Simpson Wrestling vs. Williams (at Simpson)
Sat. Dec. 1	M Bball at Colorado College

Knights finish second at nationals



Cross country runners and coaches pose with awards Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind. —Submitted Photo

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The women's cross country team set a goal of improving on last year's sixth place finish going into the NCAA Championships Saturday.

That they achieved that goal is an understatement.

The Knights, ranked tied for eighth coming into the meet, finished as national runners-up in Terre Haute, Ind., the best finish

the program has ever had.

Head coach Steve Johnson said he knew the Knights were a legitimate top ten team but that it was hard to tell how high they could finish because of the highly ranked teams on the East Coast that Wartburg had not run against this season.

"We were thrilled, we ran very hard and that's all you can do," Johnson said.

"You don't really know when the

meet's going on, you just go out and compete against the people you're next to."

Alana Enabnit and Sammi Bruett were named All-Americans after finishing seventh and 14th respectively.

Enabnit is now a two-time All-American while Bruett improved 96 places from last year to earn All-American honors for the first time in cross country.

Enabnit finished the 6K in a time of 21:23 while Bruett finished just seven seconds behind her.

"Sammi Bruett was a big surprise," said Johnson, who guessed Bruett would finish around 25th or 30th.

"I knew the way she was running she was gonna be an All-American. She just kept moving, what an awesome race, what a competitive gal."

Haddie Vawter took 49th in a time of 22:16 while Erin Sawyers finished 111th in 22:50.

Vawter and Sawyers also improved significantly from last year's national meet after finishing 159th and 210th respectively last season.

Morgan Gerdes cracked the top five and scored for Wartburg for the first time this postseason by finishing 140th in a time of 22:59.

Kirsten Youngberg, the lone senior in the postseason top seven, ended her career with a 171st place finish in 23:15 while Lauren Mapes finished 227th in 23:45.

Wartburg scored 221 points, 63 points behind team champion Johns Hopkins, ranked No. 2 coming into the meet.

Johnson said all seven runners ran very good races.

"In order to be ranked eighth and get second, the only way you can do it is with a full team effort," Johnson said.

"We did everything we could have done in order to pull out a national runner-up."

The Knights outlasted Claremont-Mudd-Scripps by 12 points and Williams by 45 points.

No. 1 ranked MIT finished sixth with 291 points.

Region rivals St. Olaf, Luther and

Gustavus Adolphus took eighth (309 points), 14th (353) and 21st (465), respectively.

Christy Cazzola of Wisconsin-Oshkosh took the individual title in a time of 20:53.

All six runners that finished ahead of Enabnit were seniors while Enabnit is just a sophomore.

The only way the Knights can improve again next year is winning the national championship.

Johnson said winning an NCAA championship is very hard.

"We have got to bust our hind ends to work hard to improve that much to keep having fun and set high goals in order to even have a shot at first or second again."

Seniors reflect on Wartburg athletic careers

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The fall sports season at Wartburg is officially over and winter sports are starting up, meaning seniors are wrapping up their athletic careers.

In every level before college there is always a chance for another game, but when a season ends an athlete's senior year at the Division III level, what is next?

Senior goalkeeper Monica Noti said looking back on her time at Wartburg, there isn't anything she would change about her experience.

"Sophomore year at the game against Loras I blocked two shots in a shootout which is almost unheard of," Noti said. She said that the moment they won will never leave her mind. She also has learned a lot from the coaches as well.

"Coach Pins got on me to get my work done, and that's something that has stuck with me and will," Noti said. The soccer team lost in the first round of the playoff on Nov. 10 to Cal Lutheran.

"When we lost in the conference tournament everyone was kind of down, but when we found out we were in the playoffs everyone was ecstatic," Noti said. Noti said she is sad that her experience being a Knight is over.

"It was kind of bittersweet, you always want another game, but now I get to move on in life," Noti said.

Wrestlers dominate in home opener

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The No. 1 ranked Wartburg wrestling team opened their home campaign with a 41-3 victory over Waldorf Thursday at Levick Arena.

No. 3 ranked Gilberto Camacho set the tone for the victory in the first match at 125 lbs. by defeating

Bo Bettinson 8-0.

No. 1 ranked Kenny Anderson also won by major decision, defeating Ray McQueen 9-0 at 133 lbs. to give the Knights an 8-0 lead.

Freshman Landon Shea competed at 141 lbs. won by fall at 1:36 over Dario Gamino to increase the lead to 14-0.



The Knight's wrestling team will compete at home next on Dec. 8 when they host the Dick Walker Invite. —Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

"It was nice to see a lot of the new, young guys that never had an opportunity to wrestle for us especially in front of the home crowd, step up and perform," co-head coach Eric Keller said.

Brandon Welter won by major decision at 149 lbs. before three falls in a row by Brett Yonkovic (157 lbs.), No. 1 Landon Williams (165 lbs.) and Jase Schossow (174 lbs.) put the Knights up 34-0.

Wartburg's lone defeat of the night came at 184 pounds when Division I transfer Anthony Pike defeated Bryan Levens 9-3.

Gerard Roman won 5-1 over Brock Binversie at 197 lbs. and Ryan Fank beat Angel Gomez 12-2 at 285 lbs. to wrap up a convincing Wartburg victory.

"Obviously technically there's

some things we gotta work on, that's always gonna be the case," Keller said.

"But the effort was good and the preparation was good. A lot of good things."

The Knights now stand at 1-0 in the dual season heading into their first conference dual at Simpson, part of a double dual with Williams on Friday, Nov. 30.

Most of the Wartburg wrestlers competed at the Concordia (Wis.) Open Saturday.

Anderson (133), Welter (149), Drew Wagenhoffer (157), Williams (165) and Fank (285) all won titles at the Concordia Open, where most of the varsity wrestlers competed.

Camacho was third at 125 lbs. while Shea finished fifth at 133 lbs. and Yonkovic took fourth at 157 lbs.